

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

at least one display device;

at least one input device;

at least one processor; and

at least one memory device which stores a plurality of instructions, which when executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device and the at least one input device, after a wager by a player, and for a single play of a game, to:

(i) display a plurality of reels, the plurality of reels including a plurality of symbols, said symbols including at least one prize symbol associated with a physical prize and at least one re-trigger symbol,

(ii) determine a quantity of initial spins of the reels which will subsequently be displayed, the determined quantity of initial spins being greater than one,

(iii) display a first designated number, said first designated number being equal to a the determined quantity of initial spins of the reels which will subsequently be displayed, the quantity of initial spins being greater than one,

(iii) ~~after a wager by a player;~~

(aiv) ~~display for~~ one of the initial spins of the reels, display said reels spinning and stopping,

(bv) ~~cause reduce~~ the displayed first designated number to indicate how many of the determined quantity of initial spins remaining remain to be subsequently displayed, and

- (evi) repeat (iva) and (vb) until ~~none of the quantity of initial spins remain~~
the displayed first designated number reaches zero,
- (ivii) display at least one additional spin of the reels if a predetermined symbol combination including the re-trigger symbol occurs on the reels during the displayed initial spins of the reels,
- (viii) accumulate any prize symbols which occur on the reels in each of said displayed initial spins and said at least one additional spin of the reels, and
- (viix) cause the physical prize to be awarded to the player if the accumulated number of prize symbols reaches a second designated number of prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the associated physical prize, wherein the second designated number of prize symbols is greater than the number of prize symbols which can possibly be accumulated in the displayed initial spins of the reels, and
- (x) cause the single play of the game to end and reset the accumulated number of prize symbols to zero.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the second designated number of prize symbols is greater than the first designated number.

Claim 3 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes at least one payline associated with the reels.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 3, wherein when executed by the at least one processor, the plurality of instructions cause the at least one processor to accumulate any prize symbols which occur on any of the paylines in each of the displayed initial spins and the at least one additional spin of the reels.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the game includes a primary game operable upon the wager, and wherein when executed by the at least one processor, the plurality of instructions cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device to ~~display a primary game operable upon the wager, and~~ display the initial spins of the reels in the single play of the primary game.

Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the prize symbol includes an image which represents the physical prize.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the ~~first designated number~~ quantity of initial spins of the reels is randomly determined.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the ~~first designated number~~ quantity of initial spins of the reels is predetermined.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the second designated number of prize symbols is randomly determined.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the second designated number of prize symbols is predetermined.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of different physical prizes, wherein when executed by the at least one processor, the plurality of instructions cause the at least one processor to cause one of said physical prizes to be provided to the player when the accumulated number of prize symbols reaches the second designated number of prize symbols necessary to win said physical prize to be provided.

Claim 14 (original): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein at least two of the physical prizes have different values.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 13, which includes a probability of being selected by the at least one processor associated with each of the physical prizes, wherein when executed by the at least one processor, the plurality of instructions cause the at least one processor, based on said probabilities, to: (i) select one of the physical prizes, and (ii) cause the selected physical prize to be provided to the player.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of different physical prizes, wherein when executed by the at least one processor, the plurality of instructions cause the at least one processor to enable the player to pick one of said physical prizes if the accumulated number of prize symbols reaches the second designated number of prize symbols.

Claim 17 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a prize symbol display operable to indicate the number of accumulated prize symbols.

Claim 18 (original): The gaming device of Claim 17, wherein the prize symbol display includes a plurality of prize symbol indicators.

Claim 19 (original): The gaming device of Claim 18, which includes at least one illumination device associated with the prize symbol indicators.

Claim 20 (original): The gaming device of Claim 17, wherein the prize symbol display includes an integer which represents the accumulated number of prize symbols.

Claim 21 (original): The gaming device of Claim 20, wherein the integer increments by at least one for each prize symbol which occurs on the reels.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the at least one additional spin includes at least one free spin.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the first ~~designated number~~ quantity of initial spins is determined at least in part based on the wager.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the second designated number of the prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize is at least in part based on the wager such that: (i) for a first wager, a first quantity of the prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager, a second, different quantity of the prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the number of prize symbols which are accumulated based on each prize symbol which occurs on the reels is at least in part based on the wager.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined symbol combination is associated with a probability of occurring on the reels, and the probability is at least in part based on the wager.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein when executed by the at least one processor, the plurality of instructions cause the at least one processor to enable the player to select the physical prize.

Claim 28 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

- at least one display device;
- at least one input device;
- at least one processor; and

at least one memory device which stores a plurality of instructions, which when executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device and the at least one input device, after a wager by a player, and for a single play of a game, to:

- (i) display a plurality of reels including a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including at least one first prize symbol associated with a first physical prize, at least one second prize symbol associated with a second different physical prize, and at least one re-trigger symbol;
- (ii) determine a quantity of initial spins of the reels which will subsequently be displayed, the determined quantity of initial spins being greater than one,
- (iii) display a first designated number, said first designated number being equal to a the determined quantity of initial spins of the reels which will subsequently be displayed, the quantity of initial spins being greater than one,
- (iii) ~~after a wager by a player;~~
- (aiv) display for one of the initial spins of the reels, display said reels spinning and stopping,
- (bv) cause reduce the displayed first designated number to indicate how many of the determined quantity of initial spins remaining remain to be subsequently displayed, and
- (evi) repeat (aiv) and (vb) until ~~none of the~~ quantity of initial spins remain the displayed first designated number reaches zero,

- (ivii) display at least one additional spin of the reels when a predetermined symbol combination including the re-trigger symbol occurs on the reels during the displayed initial spins of the reels,
- (viii) accumulate any first prize symbols which occur on the reels in each of said displayed initial spins and said at least one additional spin of the reels,
- (vix) accumulate any second prize symbols which occur on the reels in each of said displayed initial spins and said at least one additional spin of the reels,
- (viix) cause the first physical prize to be awarded to the player if the accumulated number of first prize symbols reaches a second designated number of first prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the associated first physical prize, wherein the second designated number of first prize symbols is greater than the number of first prize symbols which can possibly be accumulated in the displayed initial spins of the reels, and
- (viiixi) cause the second physical prize to be awarded to the player if the accumulated number of second prize symbols reaches a third designated number of second prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the associated second physical prize, wherein the third designated number of second prize symbols is greater than the number of second prize symbols which can possibly be accumulated in the displayed initial spins of the reels, and
- (xii) cause the single play of the game to end, reset the accumulated number of first prize symbols to zero, and reset the accumulated number of second prize symbols to zero.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the second designated number of first prize symbols is greater than the first designated

number and the third designated number of second prize symbols is greater than the first designated number.

Claim 30 (canceled)

Claim 31 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the game includes a primary game operable upon the wager, and wherein when executed by the at least one processor, the plurality of instructions cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device to ~~display a primary game operable upon the wager, and~~ display the initial spins of the reels in the single play of the primary game.

Claim 32 (original): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the first physical prize is of a higher value than the second physical prize.

Claim 33 (original): The gaming device of Claim 32, which includes a higher probability of obtaining the second physical prize than the first physical prize.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the at least one additional spin includes at least one free spin.

Claim 35 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the first designated number quantity of initial spins is determined at least in part based on the wager.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the second designated number of the first prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize is at least in part based on the wager such that: (i) for a first wager, a first quantity of the first prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win

the first physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager, a second, different quantity of the first prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the third designated number of the second prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize is at least in part based on the wager such that: (i) for a first wager, a first quantity of the second prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager, a second, different quantity of the second prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the number of prize symbols accumulated for each prize symbol which occurs on the reels is at least in part based on the wager.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 29, wherein the predetermined symbol combination is associated with a probability of occurring on the reels, and the probability is at least in part based on the wager.

Claim 40 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

- at least one display device;

- at least one input device;

- at least one processor; and

- at least one memory device which stores a plurality of instructions, which when executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device and the at least one input device, after ~~the a wager by a player for a play of a primary game and after an~~ occurrence of a triggering event in association with ~~a the play of the primary~~ game, to:

- (i) initiate a single play of a secondary game associated with a physical prize, the second game associated with a set of reels having a plurality of symbols, the symbols including at least one prize symbol associated with the physical prize and at least one re-trigger symbol,
- (ii) determine a quantity of initial spins of the reels which will subsequently be displayed for the single play of the secondary game, the determined quantity of initial spins being greater than one,
- (iii) display a first designated number, said first designated number being equal to a the determined quantity of initial spins of the reels which will subsequently be displayed for the secondary game, said quantity of initial spins being greater than one,
- (iiiiv) for each one of the determined quantity of initial spins of the reels in the single play of the secondary game:
 - (a) display said initial spin of the reels spinning and stopping, and
 - (b) cause—reduce the displayed first designated number to indicate how many of the determined quantity of initial spins remaining remain to be subsequently displayed, and
 - (c) repeat (a) and (b) until none of the quantity of initial spins remain in the secondary game,
- (iv) display at least one additional spin of the reels if a predetermined symbol combination including the re-trigger symbol occurs on the reels during the displayed initial spins of the reels in the secondary game,
- (vi) accumulate any prize symbols which occur on the reels in the displayed initial spins and the at least one additional spin of the reels in the secondary game, and

- (vii) cause the physical prize to be awarded to the player if the accumulated number of prize symbols reaches a second designated number of prize symbols necessary to be accumulated in the secondary game to win the physical prize, wherein the second designated number of prize symbols is greater than the number of prize symbols that can possibly be accumulated in the displayed initial spins of the reels in the secondary game, and
- (viii) cause the single play of the secondary game to end and reset the accumulated number of prize symbols to zero.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the second designated number of prize symbols necessary to be accumulated in the secondary game is greater than the first designated number.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the triggering event includes a combination of symbols occurring on a set of the reels in association with the primary game.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the quantity of initial spins includes free spins.

Claim 44 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the first designated number quantity of initial spins is determined at least in part based on a the wager made by the player.

Claim 45 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the second designated number of the prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize is at least in part based on a the wager made by the player such that: (i) for a first wager made by the player, a first quantity of the prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager made

by the player, a second, different quantity of the prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize.

Claim 46 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the number of prize symbols accumulated for each prize symbol which occurs on the reels is at least in part based on ~~a~~the wager made by the player.

Claim 47 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the predetermined symbol combination is associated with a probability of occurring on the reels, and the probability is at least in part based on ~~a~~the wager made by the player.

Claim 48 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

at least one display device;

at least one input device;

at least one processor; and

at least one memory device which stores a plurality of instructions, which when executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device and the at least one input device, after a wager by a player, and for a single play of a game, to:

- (i) display a plurality of reels including a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including at least one first prize symbol associated with a first physical prize, at least one second prize symbol associated with a second different physical prize, and at least one re-trigger symbol, wherein the first physical prize is of a higher value than the second physical prize;
- (ii) determine a quantity of initial spins of the reels which will subsequently be displayed, the determined quantity of initial spins being greater than one;
- (iii) display a first designated number, said first designated number being equal to ~~a~~the determined quantity of initial spins of the reels

~~which will subsequently be displayed, said quantity of initial spins being greater than one;~~

~~(iii) after a wager by a player:~~

(aiv) ~~display for one of the initial spins of the reels, display said reels spinning and stopping.~~

(bv) ~~cause reduce the displayed first designated number to indicate how many of the determined quantity of initial spins remaining remain to be subsequently displayed, and~~

(evi) ~~repeat (iva) and (vb) until none of the quantity of initial spins remain the displayed first designated number reaches zero.~~

(ivii) display at least one free spin of the reels if a predetermined symbol combination including the re-trigger symbol occurs on the reels during the displayed initial spins of the reels,

(viii) accumulate any first prize symbols which occur on the reels in each of said displayed initial spins and said at least one free spin of the reels,

(vix) accumulate any second prize symbols which occur on the reels in each of said displayed initial spins and said at least one free spin of the reels,

(vix) cause the first physical prize to be awarded to the player if the accumulated number of first prize symbols reaches a second designated number of the first prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the associated first physical prize, wherein the predetermined symbol combination including the re-trigger symbol must occur on the reels at least once to accumulate the second designated number of the first prize symbols, and

(vixi) cause the second physical prize to be awarded to the player if the accumulated number of second prize symbols reaches a third designated number of the second prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the associated second different physical prize,

wherein the predetermined symbol combination including the re-trigger symbol must occur on the reels at least once to accumulate the third designated number of the second prize symbols, and

- (xii) cause the single play of the game to end, reset the accumulated number of first prize symbols to zero, and reset the accumulated number of second prize symbols to zero.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 48, wherein when executed by the at least one processor, the plurality of instructions cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device to display a primary game operable upon the wager, and display the initial spins of the reels in the primary game.

Claim 50 (original): The gaming device of Claim 48, which includes a higher probability of obtaining the second physical prize than obtaining the first physical prize.

Claim 51 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 48, wherein the first designated number quantity of initial spins of the reels is determined at least in part based on the wager.

Claim 52 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 48, wherein the second designated number of the first prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize is at least in part based on the wager such that: (i) for a first wager made by the player, a first quantity of the first prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager made by the player, a second, different quantity of the first prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize.

Claim 53 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 48, wherein the third designated number of the second prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize is at least in part based on the wager made by the player such that: (i) for a first wager, a first quantity of the second prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager, a second, different quantity of the second prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize.

Claim 54 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 48, wherein the number of prize symbols which are accumulated for each prize symbol which occurs on the reels is at least in part based on the wager.

Claim 55 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 48, wherein the predetermined symbol combination is associated with a probability of occurring on the reels, and the probability is at least in part based on the wager.

Claim 56 (currently amended): A method for operating a gaming device; said method comprising:

- (a) causing at least one display device to display a play of a primary game operable upon a wager made by a player;
- (b) initiating a single play of a secondary game upon ~~the an~~ occurrence of a triggering event in association with the play of the primary game; and
- (c) for the single play of the secondary game:
 - (i) determining a quantity of initial spins of a plurality of reels which will subsequently be displayed in the single play of the secondary game, the determined quantity of initial spins being greater than one;
 - (eii) designating a first number, said first designated number being equal to a-the determined quantity of initial spins of a-plurality-of-the reels which will subsequently be displayed in the secondary game;
 - (diii) designating a second number of prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win a physical prize in the secondary game, wherein the designated second number of prize symbols is greater than a number of prize symbols which can possibly be accumulated in the quantity of initial spins of the reels in the single play of the secondary game; and
 - (f) ~~after initiating the secondary game:~~
 - (iv) causing the at least one display device to display the designated first number;
 - (iiiv) for each one of the initial spins of the reels in the secondary game:
 - (A) causing the at least one display device to display said initial spin of the reels spinning and stopping, and
 - (B) causing reducing the displayed designated first number to indicate how many of the determined quantity of initial spins remaining-remain to be subsequently displayed; and

- (C) ~~repeating (A) and (B) until none of the quantity of initial spins remain in the secondary game;~~
- (ii) accumulating any prize symbols which occur on the reels during the displayed initial spins of the reels;
 - (iv) causing the at least one display device to display at least one additional spin of the reels if a secondary triggering event occurs in association with the single play of the secondary game; ~~and~~
 - (viii) awarding the physical prize to the player if the accumulated number of prize symbols reaches the designated second number of prize symbols necessary to win the physical prize in the single play of the secondary game; ~~and~~
 - (ix) causing the single play of the secondary game to end and resetting the accumulated number of prize symbols to zero.

Claim 57 (original): The method of Claim 56, wherein accumulating any prize symbols which occur on the reels includes accumulating any prize symbols indicated on at least one payline associated with the reels.

Claim 58 (currently amended): The method of Claim 56, which includes randomly determining the quantity of initial spins of the reels~~designated first number~~.

Claim 59 (currently amended): The method of Claim 56, which includes pre-determining the quantity of initial spins of the reels~~designated first number~~.

Claim 60 (previously presented): The method of Claim 56, which includes randomly determining the designated second number of prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize in the secondary game.

Claim 61 (previously presented): The method of Claim 56, which includes pre-determining the designated second number of prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize in the secondary game.

Claim 62 (previously presented): The method of Claim 56, which includes causing a prize symbol display to display the accumulated number of prize symbols.

Claim 63 (currently amended): The method of Claim 56, ~~wherein providing a physical prize to the player which~~ includes providing a the physical prize from a plurality of different physical prizes.

Claim 64 (currently amended): The method of Claim 56, ~~wherein providing a physical prize to the player which~~ includes enabling the player to pick ~~one of the~~ physical prize from a plurality of different physical prizes.

Claim 65 (original): The method of Claim 56, wherein awarding the physical prize to the player includes generating a prize code.

Claim 66 (original): The method of Claim 65, which includes placing the prize code on at least one of: a receipt, a ticket, a printing medium and a recording medium.

Claim 67 (previously presented): The method of Claim 56, wherein the quantity of initial spins includes free spins.

Claim 68 (currently amended): The method of Claim 56, wherein the quantity of initial spins first designated number is determined at least in part based on the wager.

Claim 69 (previously presented): The method of Claim 56, wherein the second designated number of the prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize is at least in part based on the wager such that: (i) for a first wager made

by the player, a first quantity of the prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager made by the player, a second, different quantity of the prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the physical prize.

Claim 70 (previously presented): The method of Claim 56, wherein the number of prize symbols accumulated for each prize symbol which occurs on the reels is at least in part based on the wager.

Claim 71 (previously presented): The method of Claim 56, wherein odds of the secondary triggering event occurring is at least in part based on the wager.

Claim 72 (currently amended): The method of Claim 56, wherein the steps (a) to (f_c) are controlled through a data network.

Claim 73 (original): The method of Claim 72, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 74 (currently amended): A method of operating a gaming device after a wager by a player, and for a single play of a game, said method comprising:

- (a) after the wager by the player, start the single play of the game;
- (ab) causing at least one display device to display a plurality of reels and a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including at least one first prize symbol, at least one second prize symbol and at least one re-trigger symbol;
- (c) determining a quantity of initial spins of the reels which will subsequently be displayed, the determined quantity of initial spins being greater than one;
- (bd) designating a first number, said designated first number being equal to a the determined quantity of initial spins of the reels which will subsequently be displayed, ~~said quantity of initial spins being greater than one;~~
- (ee) designating a second number of the first prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win a first physical prize, wherein the designated second number of first prize symbols is greater than a number of first prize symbols which can possibly be accumulated in the determined quantity of initial spins of the reels;
- (df) designating a third number of the second prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win a second different physical prize, wherein the designated third number of second prize symbols is greater than the number of second prize symbols which can possibly be accumulated in the determined quantity of initial spins of the reels;
- (eg) causing the at least one display device to display the first designated number;
- (f) ~~after a wager by a player;~~
- (ih) for one of the initial spins of the reels, causing the at least one display device to display one of the initial spins of the reels spinning and stopping;

- (ii)(i) ~~causing-reducing~~ the displayed designated first number to indicate how many of the determined quantity of initial spins remaining-remain to be subsequently displayed; ~~and~~
- (iii)(i) ~~repeating (i) and (ii) (h) and (i) until none of the quantity of initial spins remain~~ the displayed designated first number reaches zero;
- (ek) causing the at least one display device to display at least one additional spin of the reels if a predetermined symbol combination including the re-trigger symbol occurs on the reels during the displayed initial spins of the reels;
- (hl) accumulating any first prize symbols which occurs on the reels in each of said displayed initial spins and said at least one additional spin of the reels;
- (im) accumulating any second prize symbols which occurs on the reels in each of said displayed initial spins and said at least one additional spin of the reels;
- (jn) awarding the first physical prize to the player if the accumulated number of first prize symbols reaches the designated second number of first prize symbols; and
- (ko) awarding the second physical prize to the player if the accumulated number of second prize symbols reaches the designated third number of second prize symbols; and
- (p) causing the single play of the game to end, resetting the accumulated number of first prize symbols to zero, and resetting the accumulated number of second prize symbols to zero.

Claim 75 (original): The method of Claim 74, wherein the first physical prize is of a higher value than the second physical prize.

Claim 76 (original): The method Claim 75, which includes a higher probability of obtaining the second physical prize than the first physical prize.

Claim 77 (previously presented): The method Claim 74, wherein the at least one additional spin includes at least one free spin.

Claim 78 (currently amended): The method Claim 74, wherein the first ~~designated number~~ quantity of initial spins is determined at least in part based on the wager.

Claim 79 (previously presented): The method Claim 74, wherein the designated second number of the first prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize is at least in part based on the wager such that: (i) for a first wager made by the player, a first quantity of the first prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager made by the player, a second, different quantity of the first prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the first physical prize.

Claim 80 (previously presented): The method Claim 74, wherein the designated third number of the second prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize is at least in part based on the wager such that: (i) for a first wager made by the player, a first quantity of the second prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize, and (ii) for a second, different wager made by the player, a second, different quantity of the second prize symbols is necessary to be accumulated to win the second physical prize.

Claim 81 (previously presented): The method Claim 74, wherein the number of prize symbols accumulated for each prize symbol which occurs on the reels is at least in part based on the wager.

Claim 82 (previously presented): The method Claim 74, wherein the predetermined symbol combination is associated with a probability of occurring on the reels, and the probability is at least in part based on the wager.

Claim 83 (currently amended): The method of Claim 74, wherein the steps (a) to (gk) are controlled through a data network.

Claim 84 (original): The method of Claim 83, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 85 (currently amended): A method of operating a gaming device after a wager by a player, and for a single play of a game, said method comprising:

- (a) after the wager by the player, start the single play of the game;
- (ab) causing at least one display device to display a plurality of reels and a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including at least one first prize symbol, at least one second prize symbol and at least one re-trigger symbol;
- (c) determining a quantity of free spins of the reels which will subsequently be displayed, the determined quantity of free spins being greater than one;
- (bd) ~~designating a first number, said designated first number being equal to~~ at the determined ~~quantity of free spins of the reels, said quantity of free spins being greater than one;~~
- (ee) designating a second number of the first prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win a first physical prize;
- (df) designating a third number of the second prize symbols necessary to be accumulated to win a second different physical prize, wherein the first physical prize is of higher value than the second physical prize; and
- (eg) after an occurrence of a designated triggering event in association with the single play of the game:
 - (i) causing the at least one display device to display the designated first number;
 - (ii) for each one of the free spins of the reels:
 - (A) causing the at least one display device to display said ~~free spin of the reels~~ spinning and stopping, and
 - (B) ~~causing-reducing the~~ displayed designated first number to indicate how many of the determined ~~quantity of free spins remaining-remain~~ to be subsequently displayed; and
 - (C) ~~repeating (A) and (B) until none of the free spins remain;~~
 - (iii) causing the at least one display device to display at least one additional free spin of the reels if a predetermined symbol

- combination including the re-trigger symbol occurs on the reels during the displayed free spins of the reels;
- (iv) accumulating any first prize symbols which occur on the reels in each of said displayed free spins and the at least one additional free spin of the reels;
 - (v) accumulating any second prize symbols which occur on the reels in each of said displayed free spins and the at least one additional free spin of the reels;
 - (vi) awarding the first physical prize to the player if the accumulated number of first prize symbols reaches the designated second number of first prize symbols, wherein the re-trigger symbol or the predetermined symbol combination must occur on the reels at least once to accumulate the designated second number of first prize symbols; and
 - (vii) awarding the second physical prize to the player if the accumulated number of second prize symbols reaches the designated third number of second prize symbols, wherein the re-trigger symbol or the predetermined symbol combination must occur on the reels at least once to accumulate the designated third number of second prize symbols; and
- (viii) causing the single play of the game to end, resetting the accumulated number of first prize symbols to zero and resetting the accumulated number of second prize symbols to zero.

Claim 86 (previously presented): The method of Claim 85, which includes providing a higher probability of obtaining the second physical prize than the first physical prize.

Claim 87 (currently amended): The method of Claim 85, wherein the first designated number quantity of free spins is determined at least in part based on a the wager made by the player.